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The Office Action dated May 14, 2002, has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 29 of the specification and ending on page 7, line 16 with:

The processor 14 can also include a timer for selectively disabling the comparison of the value to the predetermined value for a predetermined period of time. The process steps of the timer are shown in the simplified flow diagram of Fig. 5. The process starts at step 54. Step 56 monitors the status of the timer. If the timer is engaged or running, the process continues to step 58 and returns to the step 40 in Fig. 3. Obviously, during a first iteration of the timer process, the timer will not be running. If the timer is not running, steps 46a and 50a are completed. Step 60 engages the timer. The timer process can be desirable to prevent the processor 14 from completing unnecessary comparisons. For example, if the processor 14 determines that the value is less than the predetermined value, corresponding to a

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